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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN BERLIN OF LIBERAL POLITICIANS

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1. SUBJECT MEETING HAS BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSED TRIPARTITELY. US REP MADE CASE (PER REFTELS A AND B) FOR INVITING ALLIED OFFICIALS TO RECEPTION. HOWEVER, BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ALLIED PARTICIPATION. RATHER THAN SEEKING TO PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATE ALLIED APPROVAL OF MEETING, PARIS AND LONDON BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO "IGNORE" MEETING.

2. UK REP (CULLIMORE) SAID BRITISH THINK THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED EVEN IN PRIVATE CAPACITY WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, WOULD STILL LEND AN OFFICIAL CAST TO EVENT. THEY DO NOT THINK IT POSSIBLE TO BOTH DEMON-
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STRATE ALLIED APPROVAL AND, AT SAME TIME, EMPHASIZE

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UNOFFICIAL CHARACTER OF MEETING. RE HOLDING MEETING IN REICHSTAG, BRITISH THINK IT COULD BE PROVOCATIVE, WOULD DETRACT FROM PRIVATE CHARACTER OF MEETING, AND WOULD BETTER BE LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

3. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) AGREED WITH UK VIEWS, EMPHASIZING THAT ANY ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN MEETING-RELATED EVENTS COULD BE SEEN AS INTERVENTION IN BERLIN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

4. REPS ALSO NOTED REPORT, IN JAN 28 FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU, THAT LEADING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS FROM EUROPE AND NEW ZEALAND INTEND TO MEET IN BERLIN ON FEB 22 FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. REPORTED PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE HELMUT SCHMIDT, WILLY BRANDT, HAROLD WILSON, OLAF PALME, BRUNO KREISKY AND OTHER NOTED PARTY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT FIGURES. UK REP SAID BRITISH EMBASSY HAD LEARNED THAT WILSON WOULD NOT BE GOING AND THAT UK MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (MULLEY) WOULD ATTEND IN PERSONAL CAPACITY.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF STRONG UK AND FRENCH INSTRUCTIONS OPPOSING ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN EVENT, IT APPEARS THAT TRIPARTITE ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION IS NOT POSSIBLE. AT NEXT FULL BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF MATTER WE WILL STRESS IMPORTANCE OF EMPHASIZING NON-OFFICIAL CHARACTER OF EVENT.

WE ARE FOLLOWING UP ON REPORT OF SOCIALIST MEETING IN BERLIN.
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